

Delta Air Lines, Inc. Flight Safety Program

"Risk Analysis and Measuring Safety Performance"



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Overview

- Mission, Structure and Strategy
- Flight Operational Quality Assurance (FOQA)
- Line Operations Safety Audit
- (LOSA)
- Aviation Safety Action Program
- (ASAP)
- Incident Investigations
- Communication Programs
- Measuring Performance

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Flight Safety Mission

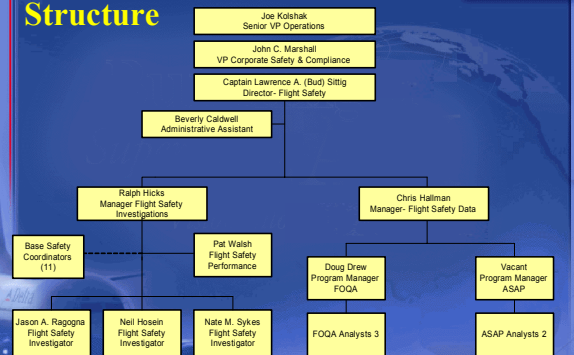
Support Delta's core commitment to safety by assisting operating departments with identifying, evaluating, and addressing the hazards (risks, threats) associated with aircraft operations.

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Structure



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Why Place an Emphasis on Safety?



We Cannot Afford Not To!

Strategy

- Classic Risk Management
 - Collect data
 - Identify & evaluate accident precursors
 - Develop, communicate & implement countermeasures

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Flight Operational Quality Assurance (FOQA)

- Joint Delta/ALPA/FAA Safety Program
- Cornerstone of Delta's proactive program since 1997
- Collects and analyzes digital flight data from aircraft during normal line operations

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Current Delta FOQA Fleet

- B737-800
- B757
- B767-400
- B777
- 209 Total aircraft
 - Expanding with the addition of MD-88
 - 450 aircraft by end of 2004

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FOQA

- Purpose
 - Identify precursors to accidents and incidents, thereby allowing them to be addressed before they manifest themselves in damage and/or injury (accidents).

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FOQA Components

- Aircraft
 - Quick Access Recorder (QAR), similar to the Flight Data Recorder
- Aircraft Ground Crew
 - Downloading Device
 - Captures data from QAR and sends it to the FOQA Office
- Ground Data Replay and Analysis Station (GDRAS)
 - Computer database kept in the FOQA Office



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The FOQA Process

- The GDRAS replays the flight data from the QAR
- The program is "mined" to identify flight parameters that exceed pre determined limits
 - High Descent Rates
 - Abnormal Flap Configurations
 - Unusual engine performance

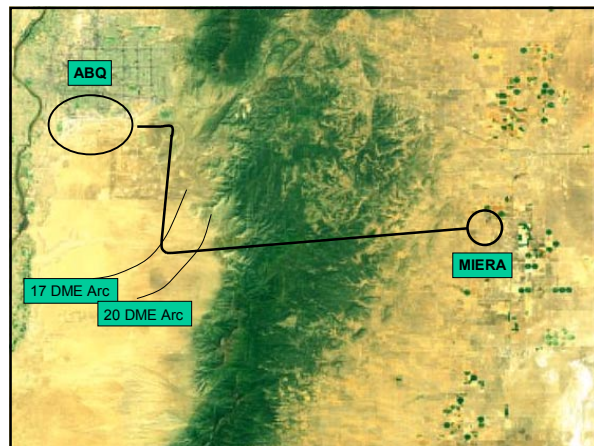
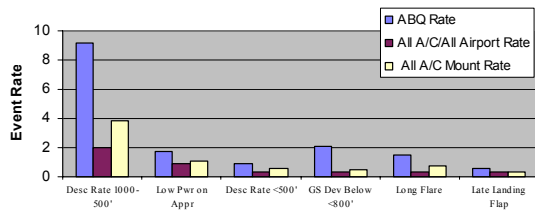
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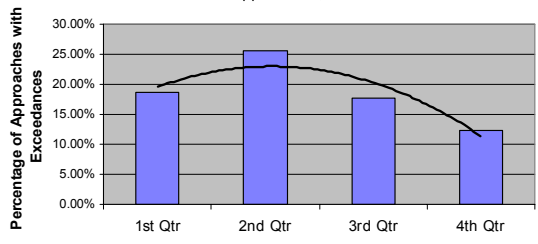
The FOQA Product

- The exceedance events are cataloged in the database for trending
- Trend Data is used
 - To enhance training effectiveness
 - To modify operational and ATC procedures
 - To assist technical operations with maintenance troubleshooting
- Results of analysis are provided to appropriate departments for corrective action

ABQ vs Other Airports 1st Half 2003



B737 FOQA Exceedances ABQ Approaches, 2003



Runway excursion, Dublin, Ireland



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Line Operations Safety Audit (LOSA)

- Proactive safety program
- One audit approximately every 4 years
- Collects and analyzes data from the Flight Operations environment via cockpit observations and surveys.

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LOSA

- Purpose
 - Provides a comprehensive review of Delta's daily flight operations culture and provide a means to evaluate threat-and-error management by our flight crews.

Key Elements of a LOSA

- Non-jeopardy environment
- Data is de-identified so that a particular flight and/or crew cannot be tracked.
- Non-intrusive style

LOSA

- How does it work?
 - Data collected via written surveys and jumpseat observations
 - Data is analyzed by Human Factors experts from the LOSA Collaborative at the University of Texas and areas of improvement are recorded
 - Deficient areas are addressed within the company

B757-200 Taxi Collision



B757-200 Taxi Collision



Aviation Safety Action Program (ASAP)

- Joint Delta/ALPA/FAA proactive program
- Program currently in development at Delta
- Collects and analyzes reports from employees regarding system hazards.

ASAP

- Purpose

- “The objective of ASAP is to prevent accidents and incidents by encouraging employees of certain certificate holders to voluntarily report safety issues and events.”
- From FAA Operations Inspector’s Handbook 8400.10, Chapter 5 (Voluntary Safety Programs)

Safety Interview (Debrief)

ASAP

- Key Elements

- Proactive safety problem identification and resolution
- Strong reporting incentives
- Airline and employee commitment, response, and accountability
- Flight Safety benefits to the company, the pilots, the FAA, and the flying public

ASAP

- How does it work?

- Employee files ASAP report
- ERC reviews report for inclusion in program
- ERC investigates event
- ERC issues recommendations (solutions or corrective action)

B767-300ER Loss of APU doors in flight



Delta Proprietary

Right elevator damage



Delta Proprietary

B767 Core cowling - LAX (right side of core cowling)



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B767 Core cowling - LAX (left side of core cowling)



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Flight Safety Investigations

- Based on NTSB philosophy
- 4 full-time investigators for flight safety events
- 24/7/365, world-wide coverage
- 2 ex-NTSB, 1 Delta pilot, 1 Delta maintenance specialist
- Major accident- incident- irregularity

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“Operational Threats”

Precursor (Incident)

- Runway Incursion
- TCAS RA, NMAC, Altitude Deviation
- Smoke/Fumes
- In-Flight Fire
- EGPWS Event

Worst Case (Accident)

- Collision on Runway
- Mid-Air Collision
- Loss of Controlled Flight
- CFIT

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Incident Classification

- NTSB-defined incidents
 - Unstabilized approach
 - Attempted landing at wrong airport or runway
 - Evacuation slide deploys in flight
 - External door opens in flight
 - Dropped object
 - NMAC (< 500')
- Delta-defined incidents
 - High speed RTO (with 5% of or > V1)
 - Runway incursion
 - Altitude deviation (> 500')
 - Gross navigation error
 - Runway excursion
 - Serious GPWS or terrain event

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Safety Recommendations

- Recommendations, not orders
- Based on findings of safety investigations
- Targeted to operational departments
- Tracked by Flight Safety, ¼-ly reports
- Recommendations are coordinated closely with each department
- Director-level or above has responsibility for implementation

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Why is it so important to quickly disseminate safety information?

- So all employees (pilots) can learn from others, both within and outside Delta Air Lines.
- Promote dialogue among pilots as well as with Flight Safety on pertinent issues.
- Stimulate interest in Safety Issues among the pilot group.
- Increase visibility of Flight Safety to the pilot group.
- Promote facts not rumors.

Communication Programs

- Flight Safety APB Magazine
- Flight Safety Website
- Pilot and Maintenance Bulletin Boards
- Safety Summits
- Electronic Safety Bulletins



Uncontained engine failure

Pensacola, FL, 2 fatalities



Uncontained engine failure

Pensacola, FL, 2 fatalities



DL 1288

MD-88

07/06/96

PNS

Measuring Safety Performance

- Weekly and Monthly Cycles
 - Weekly cycle tracks events for that week.
 - Monthly cycle tracks all events and incident categories.
- Goals set by Delta Board of Directors

Summary

- Triangle of Proactive Safety Programs
 - FOQA
 - ASAP
 - LOSA
- Measurement on a weekly and monthly cycle.

**“Efforts and courage are not enough
without purpose and direction”**

John F. Kennedy 1917-1963

Thank You!



Have a Nice Day!